

# SMOKE SIGNALS

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## Administration's Message

Dear Residents:

Greetings to everyone and Happy New Year! It is hard to believe looking back that we are more than one month into the new year and the new decade. Although, the recent holidays may seem like a distant memory, I hope your Christmas and New Year's holidays were very enjoyable. I want to take time in this newsletter to bring a couple of things to your attention. Specifically, I have one housekeeping matter to share with you, and secondly, I want to ask your support for the 2010 Census which will be starting in March.

First, in order to save on costs, you will notice something different about this edition of Smoke Signals. Starting with this edition of the Smoke Signals newsletter, we will no longer include the minutes from our Village Board meetings. The minutes are and have been available on-line at our website: [www.indianheadpark-il.gov](http://www.indianheadpark-il.gov). We project this will save the Village approximately \$1,800 per year in printing costs. Not only that, it saves paper and the trees the paper is made from. If you are unable to access the internet to see a copy of the minutes on our website, stop by the Village Hall during business hours and we will provide a copy for you.

Second, most of you already know that the 2010 Census will begin soon. In fact the census forms will be mailed to everyone in March. At the VBT meeting in January, your Village Board passed a resolution endorsing the 2010 Census. By virtue of this Census 2010 Proclamation, the Village confirmed its support for the Census and acknowledged the importance of having all of our residents participate. The requirement for a census is established in Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution. Moreover, not only is it vital that each of us participate in the census but it is required by law (13 U.S.C Section 221). The information obtained through the Census is vitally important to our Nation, State, and to Indian Head Park.

The population figures obtained from the Census will be used to "re-district" the States according to population to establish the number of U.S. Representatives that each State has. According to one article I read recently concerning the Census, Illinois will likely lose 1 representative. The population figures will also impact the legislative districts at the State level. In addition, the data we provide to the Census Bureau will establish our population level, FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS! This is highly significant with respect to the funding we receive at our municipal level based upon our

population.

The Census data is used to determine how more than \$400 billion of federal funding is spent each year on infrastructure and services like hospitals, schools, senior centers, bridges, tunnels, roads and other public works projects. Over the next 10 years at the current levels, this will amount to the allocation of over \$4 trillion based on population. Obviously, it is very important to have accurate data in order to insure the equitable distribution of those federal funds. The repaving of Blackhawk Trail this fall is an example of those federal dollars working for us. I cannot stress how important this Census is for our Village.

At the municipal level of government, like Indian Head Park, we receive revenue from various taxes based upon our population. For example, we receive a portion of the income taxes we pay the State of Illinois and a share of the Motor Fuel Tax we pay at the gas pumps based upon our population. We depend on these funds to finance our Village services and to keep the Village's share of your property taxes low. In the tight economic times we are enduring now, the importance of your participation in Census 2010 cannot be overemphasized. Please complete the form when you receive it and return it promptly. Here are some important dates and points to keep in mind.

In March 2010, the census forms will be mailed. There are only 10 questions and it should take no more than 10 minutes of your time to complete. April 1st is National Census Day and is a reference date for sending in your completed census forms. From April through July, census takers will visit households that have not returned their forms. Please note that the information you provide the census taker is confidential. The census takers are sworn to maintain the privacy and confidentiality of all information they obtain under penalty of fines (\$25,000) and jail sentences (5 years). For your security, note that all census takers carry official government badges marked with just their name. You may also ask them for a picture ID from another source to confirm their identity. Some census workers might even carry a "U.S. Census Bureau" bag. The Census Bureau delivers the information to the President in December for apportionment and to the States in March 2011 for redistricting.

The IHP Census 2010 Proclamation called for the establishment of a "Complete Count Committee". I have appoint-

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ed Trustee Bermier, Chief Frank Alonzo, Deputy Clerk Kathy Leach and myself to this committee. We will endeavor to promote the cooperation of all our residents with the 2010 Census. Not only is participation mandatory, it is vitally important to our Village's economic well-being. By completing and returning the census form, you will be doing your part to help the Village receive our proper share of taxes you already pay! For more information, you can visit the Census 2010 website at [www.2010.census.gov](http://www.2010.census.gov).

Enjoy the rest of your winter and please remember our men and women in the Armed Forces. We ask that they be protected and returned home to us quickly.

Best regards, Richard S. Andrews, mayor

### Scheduled Meeting Dates

**Village Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m.:**

Thursday, March 11, 2010

**Planning and Zoning Commission 7:30 p.m.:**

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

**Fire/Police Commission 7:00 p.m.:**

Thursday, March 4, 2010

**E-911 Board 6:30 p.m.:**

Thursday, March 18, 2010

All meetings are held at the Municipal Facility at 201 Acacia Drive. All residents are welcomed!

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#### Smoke Signals

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**Deadline date for the next issue is February 22, 2010.**

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## Support Available for Early Memory Loss Concerns

Aging Care Connections (formerly Southwest Suburban Center on Aging), La Grange, will offer an Early Stage Memory Loss Program in eight weekly sessions for individuals and their family members dealing with early stage memory disorders at 111 W. Harris Avenue, La Grange. The series which begins Tuesday, March 2 at 1 pm is offered in affiliation with the Alzheimer's Association.

Sessions will cover a variety of issues including an overview of early stage memory loss, medical information, legal and financial planning, social and family relationships, driving, coping strategies, self-esteem and planning for the future.

The program is free of charge, however, an interview is required prior to registration. For any questions or to register, please contact Ruth Folkening at (708) 354-1323, ext. 28.

Aging Care Connections is a non-profit organization which is the connection to the most comprehensive, expert information, programs and services enabling older adults to remain independent and their families to make the best, most informed decisions regarding needed care in their lives. Serving 22 communities in Lyons, Riverside and South Proviso Townships, Aging Care Connections' programs and services are made possible by community support and donations, and, in part, by the Illinois Department on Aging (IDOA), AgeOptions, Community Memorial Foundation and local United Ways. The organization investigates elder abuse in ten additional communities in Leyden and Norwood Park Townships. To learn more, visit [www.agingcareconnections.org](http://www.agingcareconnections.org).

#### VILLAGE OF INDIAN HEAD PARK

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#### Office Hours

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Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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## Indian Head Park Woman's Club

The Indian Head Park Woman's Club meeting will be held on February 16th at the Municipal Facility at 201 Acacia Drive beginning at 6:45 p.m. Jean Sotos, a Licensed Massage Therapist will provide a program on "Mindful Massage". Guests from other suburbs are always welcome. Contact Lois Kirchner at (708) 784-0297 for further details and reservations.

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This program provides incentives for Illinois consumers to replace older appliances with specific residential ENERGY STAR qualified appliances, water heaters, and HVAC equipment. The new appliances must be purchased in Illinois through participating retail stores or contractors.

Illinois' program will be rolled out in two phases:

- Starting January 31, 2010, consumers can get point of purchase rebates on qualifying heating and cooling equipment through participating contractors and water heaters at participating retailer as long as funding lasts.
- Point of purchase rebates on ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers, dishwashers, refrigerators, freezers and room air conditioners will be available for items purchased from participating retailers during April 16 – 25, 2010.

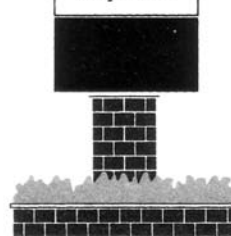
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## Daylight Savings

Every spring we move our clocks one hour ahead and "lose" an hour during the night. The phrase "Spring forward" helps people remember how Daylight Saving Time affects their clocks. At 2 a.m. on the second Sunday in March, we set our clocks forward one hour ahead of standard time.

The change to Daylight Saving Time allows us to use less energy in lighting our homes by taking advantage of the longer and later daylight hours.

Daylight Saving Time was instituted in the United States during **World War I** in order to save energy for war production by taking advantage of the later hours of daylight between April and October. During **World War II** the federal government again required the

states to observe the time change. Between the wars and after World War II, states and communities chose whether or not to observe Daylight Saving Time. In 1966, Congress passed the **Uniform Time Act** which standardized the length of Daylight Saving Time.



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## A Slow Economy . . .

. . . means we must watch the money we spend to focus on items we need instead of items we want.

**DO NOT STOP TILL YOU SEE RED!!** As the economy slows you will see more sales to get rid of merchandise, take advantage of them. Shop the clearance racks first when shopping. This works well in, but not limited to the clothing, health and beauty aid, and home furnishing departments.

**THINK AHEAD!** When purchasing items think about what will be the most cost effective in the long run, not just at this moment. For example if you use a lot of batteries, buying rechargeable batteries might be a wise investment. Also when buying light bulbs it may be more economical in the long run to buy energy efficient light bulbs instead of regular bulbs that need to be replaced more often.

**YOU PUT \$40 LAST MONTH IN THE TRASH CAN!** Okay, so you sometimes laugh at the lady in front of you that has a hand full of coupons. In reality she was probably laughing at you also. On average you could easily save 10% on a \$100 grocery bill by just by cutting out a few coupons from the Sunday paper. Don't worry what others are thinking. During a slow economy everyone is looking for a way to keep costs down.

**I WORKED HOW LONG FOR THAT!!** Changing your mind set in how you spend money is key. For example the \$40 dollars that went in the trash because you did not clip coupons could have saved you 4 hours of work time if you make \$10 an hour. So next time you make an extra purchase think about the amount of time it took you to earn the money, not just how much it cost.

Save money by paying bills online when possible; this also saves money you pay for checks and makes it less likely that you will incur late fees. Paper and ink cartridges cost money, and the more you use your printers, the more quickly they wear out and require replacement. Printers also use power. With the rising cost of energy, you can save money on electricity bills by cutting down on the amount of material you print. Consider how you can convert your workflow to an electronic one by eliminating unnecessary hard copies wherever possible. Read documents and e-mail messages on the computer screen instead of printing them out.

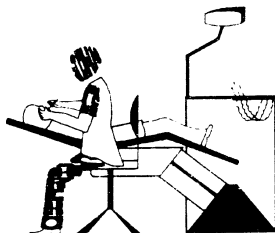


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## TEEPEE TOPICS

Our condolences to the families and friends of those that recently passed away: Robert A. Kraft, age 83, who was a retired Fire Chief for the LaGrange Fire Department. Mr. Kraft also served in the U.S. Navy and was a World War II veteran. Jennie "Jaye" Frisque, age 83. Jennie attended Miami University and also received a degree from Elmhurst College in 1976. She had a passion for landscaping and quilting. Helen Owens, age 68, worked in a testing lab. Martin Woywod, age 45, after a long battle with ALS.

The Pleasantdale Garden Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 10th at the Pleasant Dale Park District Building at 7425 S. Wolf Road in Burr Ridge. Jacqueline France, an accomplished artist, will paint a garden for the club. For further information, call Alison Koehler at (630) 662-8061.

Congratulations to the following students who were named to the honor roll at Nazareth Academy: Rourke McCollom,

Colleen McCollom, Clare Bohne, Joseph Pellegrino and Nicole Yu. Also, Michael Turk Jr. made the dean's list at Lewis University. Michael is majoring in physics with a minor in aviation and math.

Liz and Bill Gohdes recently returned from Colorado Springs where their daughter Lt. Colonel Carol Halle retired from her duties as Chief of the Medical Management Division at Evans Army Hospital in Fort Carson Colorado. LTC Halle completed 20 years of active duty service at various hospitals in the U.S., Asia and Europe and also served as the Regional Nurse Practitioner Consultant to the Surgeon General. She holds a Master of Science in Nursing and is a Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner. Carol received a Meritorious Service Medal and a personal commendation letter from President Obama at a ceremony at Evans Hospital. After retirement she will be residing in Colorado Springs with her husband Ben and her daughters Isabel and Summer.

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